

**Six Laning of Road from Hyderabad to Nagpur**

2991. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when Government are going to convert the four lane road from Hyderabad to Nagpur into six lane road;

(b) whether it is a fact the ambitious Golden "Triangle Project" is cost over running; and

(c) if so, the measures Government have taken to minimise the cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI): (a) There is no proposal to convert the existing National Highway between Hyderabad and Nagpur to 6-lanes. There is a proposal for four-laning of the highway by the year 2007.

(b) Presumably the Hon'ble Member is referring to the Golden Quadrilateral comprising the Highways connecting the four metropolitan cities viz. Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai, Mumbai and Delhi which is a part of the National Highways Development Project. So far there has been no cost overrun on this project.

(c) Does not arise.

**Construction and Maintenance of Footpath Along NH**

† 2992. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether construction and maintenance of footpath on both sides of the National Highways is undertaken together and by the same agency;

(b) if so, the amount spent on maintenance of the footpath on

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.